

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 11, 18, and 22 and ADD new claims 23-24 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access restriction method for a device control system comprising a device control server interconnected over a ~~wired~~ and/or wireless home network with a plurality of different types of one or more devices within a home~~([.])~~ and an a single operating terminal capable of ~~wired~~ and/or wireless transmission of instruction signals relating to operation of ~~said one or more~~ plurality of devices that are connected on the network, said method comprising:

accepting registration of terminal information for associating a unique identifier established for said single operating terminal with said operating terminal access right for accessing ~~said one or more~~ plurality of devices connected to on the wired or and/or the wireless home network;

accepting instruction information including said operating terminal identifier and said instruction signals relating to operation of ~~said one or more~~ plurality of devices;

determining said operating terminal access right based on said operating terminal identifier included in said instruction information; and

controlling said one or more of said plurality of different types of devices based on said operating terminal access right and said signal instructions relating to said one or more of said plurality of different types of devices.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 1, further including:

receiving a public key set for said operating terminal when accepting registration of said operating terminal;

receiving predetermined data that has been encrypted with a secret key at said operating terminal; and

performing authentication of said operating terminal by decrypting said data using said public key, and comparing the decrypted data with said predetermined data.

3. (ORIGINAL) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 2, wherein said public key is associated with said operating terminal identifier as part of said terminal information and registered as such.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 1, further including:

acquiring and storing within storage means electronic information; and
when said instruction signals relating to said one or more devices include access to electronic information stored in said storage means, determining whether to allow said electronic information to be presented is made based on said operating terminal access right.

5. (ORIGINAL) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 1, wherein, when said instruction signals relating to operation of said one or more devices include access to an external network, control of said one or more devices is performed after determination of whether to allow said access to an external network is made based on said operating terminal access right.

6. (ORIGINAL) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 5, wherein determination of whether to grant access is made for each content on said external network.

7. (ORIGINAL) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 1, wherein, when instruction signals from said operating terminal have been received, determination is made of whether said operating terminal is located inside or outside the house, and determination of operating terminal access right is made based on the results of said determination and on said operating terminal identifier included in said instruction information.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 1, further including accepting registration of individual information for associating information relating to a user operating said operating terminal with said operating terminal, wherein:

individual information associated with this operating terminal is extracted based on said operating terminal identifier included in said instruction information, and

determination of access right is made based on said individual information and said terminal information.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-readable recording medium on which is recorded a program for executing on a computer an access restriction method for a device control system according to claim 1.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device control server interconnected over a wired ~~or and/or~~ wireless home network with a plurality of different types of ~~one or more~~ devices in a home, said server controlling ~~said~~ one or more of said plurality of different types of devices based on instruction information relating to the operation of ~~said~~ one or more of said plurality of different types of devices sent from an operating terminal, said server comprising:

terminal information acceptance means for accepting registration of ~~an~~ a single operating terminal for the purpose of associating a unique identifier set for ~~said~~ single operating terminal with ~~said~~ an operating terminal access right for accessing ~~said~~ one or more devices of said plurality of different types of devices connected ~~to~~ on the wired ~~or~~ and/or the wireless home network;

terminal information storage means for storing said terminal information;

instruction information acceptance means for accepting instruction information that includes an identifier for said operating terminal and instruction signals relating to said operating terminal;

access right determination means for determining the access right of said operating terminal based on said instruction information; and

device control means controlling ~~said~~ one or more devices based on the access right of ~~said~~ operating terminal as determined by said access right determination means and on instruction signals relating to operation of ~~said~~ one or more devices included in said instruction information.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device control server according to claim 11, further comprising:

public key acceptance means for, when accepting registration of said terminal information for accessing ~~said~~ one or more devices connected to the wired or the wireless home network; accepting a public key set for said operating terminal and storing said public key along with said terminal information in said terminal information storage means; and

operating terminal authentication means for performing authentication on said operating terminal by sending predetermined data, receiving said predetermined data after encryption thereof at said operating terminal using a secret key, decrypting using said public key, and

comparing with said predetermined data.

13. (ORIGINAL) A device control server according to claim 11, further comprising: electronic information acquisition means for acquiring electronic information and electronic information storage means for storing electronic information acquired by said electronic information acquisition means, wherein:

when said instruction signals relating to operation of said one or more devices include access to electronic information stored in said electronic information storage means, said access right determination means determines the access right of said operating terminal before determining whether or not to allow presentation of said electronic information.

14. (ORIGINAL) A device control server according to claim 11, further comprising external communication means capable of connecting with an external network existing outside the house, wherein:

when said instruction signals relating to operation of said one or more devices include access to said external network, said access right determination means determines the access right of said operating terminal before determining whether to grant access to said external network.

15. (ORIGINAL) A device control server according to claim 14, wherein determination of whether to grant access is made for each content on said external network.

16. (ORIGINAL) A device control server according to claim 11, further comprising terminal location determination means for determining whether said operating terminal is inside or outside the house based on instruction information accepted by said instruction acceptance means, wherein said access right determination means determines access right for said operating terminal based on determination results of said terminal location determination means.

17. (ORIGINAL) A device control server according to claim 11, further comprising individual information acceptance means accepting registration of individual information for associating information relating to a user operating said operating terminal with said operating terminal, wherein said access right determination means extracts individual information associated with this operating terminal based on said operating terminal identifier included in said instruction information, and determines access right based on said individual information and said terminal information.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An A single~~ operating terminal that in a device control system having a device control server interconnected over a wired or and/or wireless home network with a plurality of different types of one or more devices within a home, sends instruction signals relating to operations of said one or more of said plurality of different types of devices comprising:

identifier storage means storing a unique identifier;

terminal information registration means for registering said identifier on said device control server;

input acceptance means for accepting input of instructions relating to operation of said one or more of said plurality of different types of devices that are connected on the network;

instruction information generation means for generating instruction information based on inputted instructions accepted by said input acceptance means and on an identifier stored in said identifier storage means; and

instruction information transmission means for wired or and/or wireless transmission of instruction information generated by said instruction information generation means.

19. (ORIGINAL) An operating terminal according to claim 18, further comprising location information acquisition means for acquiring current location information, wherein:

said instruction information generation means generates instruction information based on said inputted instructions, said identifier, and location information acquired by said location information acquisition means.

20. (ORIGINAL) An operating terminal according to claim 18, further comprising:

individual information input means for accepting the input of information relating to an operating user, wherein:

said instruction information generation means generates instruction information based on said inputted instructions, said identifier, and information relating to said user accepted by said individual information input means.

21. (ORIGINAL) An operating terminal according to claim 18, further comprising:

secret key storage means for storing a secret key;

public key storage means for storing a public key corresponding to said secret key; and encryption means for encrypting data using said secret key; wherein:

said operating terminal sends said public key to said device control server during registration of terminal information at said device control server by said terminal information registration means, and, during transmission of said instruction information, encrypts

predetermined data received from said device control server using said secret key and sends this as authentication information.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access restriction method for a device control system comprising a device control server interconnected over a wired or and/or wireless home network with a plurality of different types of one or more devices within a home, and an a single operating terminal capable of wired or and/or wireless transmission, said method comprising:

accepting registration of terminal information for associating a unique identifier established for said single operating terminal with said operating terminal access right;

accepting instruction information including said operating terminal identifier;

determining said an operating terminal access right based on said operating terminal identifier; and

controlling one or more of said plurality of different types devices by said single operating terminal based on said operating terminal access right, said one or more devices being connected to on said wired or and/or wireless home network, said single operating terminal directly controlling said one or more devices with signals transmitted from said terminal.

23. (NEW) A home network system, comprising;

a wired and/or wireless home network connecting a plurality of different types of devices;

a server connected to the home network;

a single remote control unit capable of controlling each of the plurality of different types of devices connected to the home network.

24. (NEW) The home network system, wherein the plurality of different types of devices include both an air conditioner and a television.